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IN AN INTERACTIVE SERVICE

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Attn. Examiner Joseph H. Feild

Dear Examiner Feild:

As discussed by telephone today, in response to the Official Action dated February 21, 1996, finally rejecting the claims currently pending in the above referenced application, Applicants respectfully submit that the final rejection is improper because the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest their invention as a whole. Yet additionally, to further clarify their invention, Applicants propose that their claim 1 be amended as indicated below, and that their application be reconsidered in light of that amendment and that the currently pending final rejection be withdrawn and their application be allowed in contemplation of the filing of an examiner's amendment to enter that amendment. Yet further, upon receipt of your confirmation of allowance, I will prepare and forward a petition with the required fee to extend time to respond to the February 21, 1996 action up to and including August 21, 1996.

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In the Claims, rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

*Sub E' >* 1 (Thrice Amended) A method for presenting applications of an interactive service provided on a computer network, the network including a multiplicity of user reception systems at which respective users may request a multiplicity of available service applications, the respective reception systems including a monitor at which the applications requested can be presented as one or more screens of display, the method comprising the steps of:

*⑤* a. generating a screen display at the respective reception systems for a requested application of the interactive service, the screen display including a plurality of partitions, the partitions being constructed from [information elements] objects having a prescribed structure, the [elements] objects being stored in the network, the network including at least one or more servers, and the reception systems, and retrievable at the respective reception system such that at least some of the [elements] objects may be used in more than one application;

b. generating at least a first partition for presenting applications; and

c. generating concurrently with the first partition at least a second partition for presenting a plurality of command functions, the command functions including at least a first group which are selectable to permit movement between applications.

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As discussed by telephone this morning, support for the above amendment to claim 1 can be found in Applicants' specification. More specifically, regarding the preferred form of the interactive applications noted to in claim 1, reference maybe made at least to pg. 9, lns. 27 - pg. 10, ln. 15; and pg. 15, ln. 25 - pg. 17, ln. 13. Further, regarding the preferred form of the objects noted in claim 1, reference may be made at least to pg. 10, ln. 20 - pg. 11, ln. 14; and pg. 17, ln. 15 - pg. 24, ln. 32. And, concerning the preferred form of the network noted in claim 1, reference to the specification at least at pg. 13, ln. 1 - pg. 15, ln. 23.

Examiner Feild I will telephone you shortly to confirm your receipt of this correspondence and to answer any question you may have. I look forward to speaking with you then.

Dated: August 21, 1996,

Respectfully submitted,



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